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## IS PLANNING WELL

Projects for the Advancement of Cause of Education.

### A NEW COURSE OF STUDY

It is for the High School—Salary Schedule to Take Effect Next Year—Some New Buildings.

A meeting of the Commissioners of Education was held yesterday afternoon in the offices at the Judiciary Building. Minister Cooper presided. There were in attendance, Mrs. Dillingham, Mrs. Jordan, H. M. von Holt, Prof. Alexander, Deputy Inspector Gibson and Prof. Scott. Secretary Rodgers was on hand as usual.

The committee on teachers had no recommendations to make. There was nothing upon which the Deputy Inspector cared to report.

Upon the request of Minister Cooper, Prof. Scott submitted the new High School course of study. He said he had made up the schedule for the educational conditions as they exist here. Many of the High School graduates go no further, whereas all in the States intend at least to go into colleges or universities after leaving High School. In English literature, theses are given, covering much ground thoroughly. The reading is directed as study proceeds. The strongest demand for English is made by the University of California, but it can readily be met by the High School here. History of the United States runs through three grades, largely replacing reading, and giving a very good finish in the branch. In the second year, the general history of Europe is followed. Later there is special work in history of Greece and Rome and England. Economics are presented plainly, so the subject can be grasped and well understood. It is sought to teach why governments are organized and maintained, taxes paid, etc. A touch of ethics is introduced.

It is of record that pupils of the High School and strangers are the chief patrons of the Public Library. The schools are always interested in history. It is believed that the course in mathematics is practical and useful. For German there is an excellent teacher. A gentleman from Harvard had commended this class by saying it was making two years' progress according to Harvard method in about two months. There had been some delay in getting books.

The scientific course will have winds, atmosphere, etc., the outer aspects, instead of geology for the beginning. Mr. Harker is spoken of most favorably as a gentleman and teacher for the scientific department.

Minister Cooper thought the course is a good one and believed the Board should be proud to announce it. He agreed with Prof. Scott, as did also Mrs. Dillingham and Mr. von Holt that the course was eminently practical and innocent of show.

It was voted that the new course should be published at once. The matter is already in the hands of the printer.

The new salary schedule was brought up by Minister Cooper. He was in favor of having it go into effect September, 1898, the beginning of a school year. The salaries are graded on the basis of efficiency and term of service. An exception is made so that the new schedule shall not decrease the salary of any teacher now under engagement. The whole additional expense is estimated at \$4,000 a year. The pay roll for this month will run \$1,700 which is \$500 in excess of the pro rata, and the Board must keep within the latter after January 1, till the new appropriation is made by the Legislature, meeting in February. There will be a reduction in the direction of night schools, janitors, transient officers, etc. Mr. von Holt was in favor of immediate adoption of the schedule. Mrs. Dillingham was opposed to delay. Inspector Gibson suggested April 1. It was finally decided that the new schedule should go into effect in September, 1898. This was on motion of Prof. W. D. Alexander.

Minister Cooper asked for suggestions or material for his annual report. He had thought of getting the Normal and Practice schools on the Fort Street grounds. In time there should be a new building—\$20,000—for the Practice and Normal schools. He thought it would be a good plan to have agricultural in addition to manual training in the Reformatory. Have it at Makiki and make it self-supporting.

The present premises could be used as a temporary home of non-leprous children of leprous parents. Lahaina should be more helpful to itself. It might be well to secure legislation for a reform school for girls. It is desired to keep really criminal classes out of these schools. All members were agreeable to these suggestions.

A new school on the Beretania lot is a pet project and it is planned to have a new building at Vineyard and Liliha.

The subjects in which candidates will be examined for Teachers' Primary Grade Certificates are: Written Arithmetic to percentage, Mental Arithmetic, English Grammar, Dictation, Spelling, Reading, Geography, Composition, Penmanship and Methods of Teaching. An average standing of 85 per cent entitles the candidate to a first-class Primary Grade Certificate, valid for three years; an average standing of 75 per cent entitles the candidate to a second-class Primary Grade Certificate, valid for two years; an average standing of 65 per cent entitles the candidate to a third-class Primary Grade Certificate valid for one year.

The subjects in which candidates will be examined for Teachers' Grammar Grade Certificates are: Arithmetic, Grammar, Algebra to Quadratics, Plane Geometry, Composition, Physiology, Theory and Practice of Teaching, Descriptive and Physical Geography, General, American and Hawaiian History, Penmanship and Essay Writing. An average standing of 90 per cent, with satisfactory evidence of good moral character and five years successful experience in school-room work, entitles the candidate to a Life Diploma; an average standing of 85 per cent entitles the candidate to a first-class Grammar Grade Certificate, valid for four years; an average standing of 80 per cent entitles the candidate to a second-class Grammar Grade Certificate, valid for three years; an average standing of 75 per cent entitles the candidate to a third-class Grammar Grade Certificate, valid for two years. The examination for Grammar Grade Certificates will be limited to those holding first-class Primary Certificates, or their equivalents.

### Nothing From Tokyo.

Minister Shimamura did not receive the expected dispatches from his home Government by the Doric. Consequently there will be nothing further in the correspondence between this country and Japan in re immigration till after the S. S. China arrives. The failure of letters to arrive by the Doric is ascribed by Mr. Shimamura to the fact that a new Minister of Foreign Affairs has just taken office in Japan and to the further circumstances that Minister Hoshi, the Minister to the United States reached Washington only this week, after his visit home.

### Municipal Government.

The Young Men's Research Club meets this evening at 7:30 at the home of Rev. D. P. and Mrs. Birnie. A full attendance is expected and there will be several visitors present. The program for the evening is a continuation of the study of municipal government opened by Mr. Pond's paper of last month. There will be remarks and discussions on the new charter of Greater New York, on the recent election there and on city parks and playgrounds.

### Plans On The Way.

Capt. F. S. Dodge of the Survey Department has received from the States the shipping receipts of the plans and specifications for the Honolulu sewerage system. The drawings, etc., have been shipped from New York by Rudolph Hering. It will be remembered that Mr. Hering made surveys and studies here, and it is anticipated that his plans will be very elaborate and at the same time especially suited to the needs of the place and all local conditions.

### New Lieutenants.

Marshal Brown arranged the line of the horse police company yesterday. Second Lieutenant Spillner was advanced to the place made vacant by the dismissal of First Lieutenant Dunbar. Private Huston, who has for a long time been considered one of the best men in the detail was given straps and will hereafter act as second lieutenant.

### At The Hospital.

Word received from the Queen's Hospital late last night was in effect that Peter Quinn was resting easily. The half-caste boy hurt at the Pali Wednesday did well the first night, but was not so quiet last night. There is no reason to believe that the lad is fatally injured, but it will be some time before he is able to be about again.

## Y. M. C. A. EVENING

Cordial Greeting to the New Assistant Secretary.

### MR. CHEEK MAKES FRIENDS

Interesting and Capable Official.  
A Program that was Liked—Clee Cub—Some Hall Changes.

A most cordial reception was given to Mr. M. A. Cheek, the new assistant secretary and gymnasium instructor at the Y. M. C. A. assembly hall last evening. Between 300 and 400 people were present in the course of the entertainment. The young man was surrounded by friends and was quite at ease. During his short stay he has made many friends among both the young and older members of the association and by his pleasing manners and earnestness has made a very good impression. Mr. Cheek will no doubt become a fixture at the Y. M. C. A. and it is safe to say that his usefulness will extend and increase as time goes on. The young man has had an interesting life. He was born in Siam, the grandson of missionaries and his father being a physician engaged with missionaries. His first trip to the States was made when he was six years of age, he visiting Oberlin with his parents at that time. Several voyages were made across the Pacific till finally Mr. Cheek and his mother settled in California. The young man was a student at Berkeley, the State University when he was approached with an invitation to come to this place and accept the post he now holds. He had intended to engage in church and physical training work. The offer came from a gentleman who had been engaged for the local Association by Messrs. Ripley and Coleman, but who found that he could leave the States just at that time. When Mr. Cheek was spoken to of Honolulu he had under consideration a position at his disposal in California. It was with a mercantile firm. He decided at once that Honolulu and the work in Hawaii would be more to his liking and sailed without delay. He had been prominent in athletics at the University and while waiting for the steamer engaged in field sports as a member of an Oakland team against a San Francisco contingent and carried off about all the honors of the day. Here Mr. Cheek has taken hold of the gymnasium and has created new interest in it at once. The classes are all large and growing and the fresh enthusiasm is extending to other branches and departments and is having a healthy effect on the entire Association.

There were to be but four numbers on the program for last evening. These were:

Singing—Kamehameha Glee Club.  
Reading—Claude Helm.  
Mandolin Solo—Miss Johnson of Kamehameha.  
Singing—Kamehameha Glee Club.  
Mr. Helm's reading was a description of a boat race and he had a critical audience. At the conclusion the applause was long and earnest. He pictured the struggle of a sculling match with all its attendant incidents in a very spirited manner. The selection was a good one and no fault was to be found with its rendition. Mr. Helm has appeared seldom in public in Honolulu. His reputation as an elocutionist came here before him and several of his pupils have won the highest praise at local entertainments.

Miss Johnson plays the mandolin beautifully. She makes both music and melody with the delightful little instrument and last evening kindly responded to an encore.

The Glee Club gave no less than five numbers and those present wanted more. All the boys were in excellent voice and there are some splendid voices in the club. The club has been trained most carefully and they make enough music with their voices to dispense with instrumental aid. This club during the past few months has done a great deal in the way of drawing attention to Kamehameha. They have made themselves known in town and as well have made a tour of the Islands. They are generous with their services, which are quite appreciated by the various societies favored.

Light refreshments were served by the committeemen and at 9:30, the evening ended. In addition to the introduction of Mr. Cheek the Association gave a pleasant evening to a lot of young men who had no where else to spend the time.

Some changes contemplated for quite a time are soon to be made at the Y. M. C. A. The present large office occupied by Messrs. Coleman and Cheek will become the game room, with an office for Mr. Cheek on one side of the entrance. Mr. Coleman will shift his headquarters across the way to the game room, which was a couple of years ago the location of the secretary. The change to the present arrangement was made when the gymnasium was opened so that the secretary could occupy a point that would bring the physical culture room under his vision. This will now be the special care of Mr. Cheek, while Mr. Coleman will confine himself more particularly to the general work. It has been proposed that the large hall upstairs be converted into a game room, so outfitted that everything could be put aside when it was desired to use the place for an entertainment. Then the upper lanai would be available for a lounging place.

Mr. Coleman has just received from the East a set of pictures of interest to the Y. M. C. A. One is the famous group that visited the home of Queen Victoria during the great convention held at London. Others are of work and interiors of societies in the States. Some of the technical work and instructions of American Associations is almost past belief. Fine specimens of carving, mechanical drawing, clay modeling, etc., are shown in numbers.

### He Escaped.

A warrant was issued at noon yesterday charging Dunbar, ex-lieutenant of the Mounted Patrol, with a serious offense. Several officers were out after him, but he could not be located. After the Moana had sailed it was believed that he had somehow stowed away on that vessel. However, Officer Bowers and a newspaper man both reported seeing Dunbar after the Moana left. The search was then renewed with the result that Captain Parker satisfied himself that Dunbar did get away, with the assistance of a friend on the Doric. Dunbar sold his horse and sent word to a chum to take his fine dog for a present. Marshal Brown was very anxious to capture and prosecute the officer.

### Steamers Racing.

Both the Moana and Doric will burn tons upon tons of extra coal between this port and San Francisco. They left an hour apart last evening and will race to the Golden Gate. Carey is master of the Moana and Smith of the Doric. The former is a new ship of the Union line lately chartered by the Oceanic company. She has fine engines now that they are "trained" and has done some very fast steaming. The Doric is a veteran, but has a record of 17 knots, and Smith is believed to have more sporting blood in his make-up than the captain of the Moana. A number of bets were made in this city on the result and the passengers will make heavy wagers.

### Season Opening.

The Wilder steamer Lehua was taken from the resting basin a couple of weeks ago and now the Inter-Island boat Kauai, which has been having a lonesome time for a few months, is again in commission, with Captain Bruhn at the bridge. Chief Engineer Walter Bromley again takes charge of the power on the Kauai. His assistant is Lamson, promoted from the Kaala. Lamson is succeeded by Ferguson, who has been an officer on the Mauna Loa and "Jim" Delaney, recently of the Mounted Patrol, goes out on the Mauna Loa.

A London water color painter, who ordered soda water at a bar, and was hit in the eye by the cork when the barmaid opened the bottle, has recovered \$1,500 damages from the proprietor of the restaurant, though no structural injury was done to the eye.

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